



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

September 12, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION - Each year students are entered in the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards, by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) during their junior year of high school. This week officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. **Please help us in congratulating the following five Bowie seniors on their accomplishment of earning the title of National Merit Semifinalist: Arthur Chen, Julia Cloyd, Christian Gonzales, Sowmya Kulukuru, and Gabriela Catalina McArthur.** We wish them the best of luck moving forward in the competition!

CLUB FAIR - Bowie's annual Club Fair takes place during both first and second lunch in our courtyard this Friday, September 13. Approximately 60 clubs will be represented at this event, and students will have the opportunity to browse booths to find a group they would like to join. While students are not required to find a club and can join a club at any time during the school year, we like to start each year with the opportunity for all students to get connected. Students can take a look at our [full Club List](#) linked on the Bowie website prior to the fair to get an idea of all that our school has to offer!

FIRST VOTE PRESENTATION FOR SENIORS - On Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19, the League of Women Voters will be delivering their First Vote Presentation in the Bowie Library to all of our senior Social Studies classes. As part of this presentation, seniors will be educated about the voting process, so they know what to expect for the first time they vote. Volunteers will also be available to register any student who is at least 17 years and 10 months old. This means that any Bowie student who will be 18 on or before election day this coming November will have the opportunity to register on Wednesday or Thursday of this upcoming week! Thank you to the League of Women Voters for this partnership. To find out more about LWV, a non-partisan organization, please [visit their website](#). The last day to register is October 7 in order to be able to vote in November.

AISD FOOD SERVICE - We encourage all students to enjoy the healthy, tasty meals offered at school each day. Eating at school is convenient and easy. There is no registration process, students may simply walk through the cafeteria serving line on any day and select their meal components. The cashier will ask the student's name and/or students will enter their ID number on the pin pad to debit their account based on their meal account status - free, reduced-price, or paid. Cafeteria staff are available to assist any new or returning students. Breakfast is \$2.00 and lunch is \$3.50. Students dining with a reduced-price or paid status may purchase meals using cash or funds on their SchoolCafé account. No funds are needed for students with a free meal status, unless they would like to purchase a la carte items. Families may add funds online by creating an account at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. We accept cash, money order, or cashier's check in the cafeteria daily 7 a.m.-2 p.m. View menus for our school at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD, or download the SchoolCafé mobile app. If you have any questions about school meals, you may call Food Service at 512-414-0251, send a text to 512-229-9110, or submit a message [online](#).

BOWIE WEBSTORE - We have moved from School Cash Online to the Bowie High School Webstore, where you can find anything Bowie-related, to purchase anything from merchandise to student transcripts. Please visit our new and improved online store at the [Bowie High School Webstore](#).

Go Dawgs!

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Principal